1 Chron.21:23-24

THEME:- Self-sacrificing Service.

INTRO:- Context and story.

I. The Principle Stated.

The value of our religion depends upon the self-sacrifice we are willing to make in its behalf, or rather, its value depends upon the amount of self-sacrificing service it prompts us to render.

1. Ornan, "I give it all"
2. David, "I will not offer without cost."

II. The Principle Illustrated.

1. The Widow's Mite. Her all.
2. David Brainard in the sweat of prayer.
"The church in America's great gift to missions."
Henry Martyn 1718-1747 First missionary.
3. Samuel Papanekiss and the 160 Indians.
Settlers of Saskatchewan Co. in N.W.Canada
dependent upon Fort Barry(Winnepeg) for supplies.
Small-pox broke out, supplies and communication cut off from Fort Barry.
Xn Mission of Indians at Norway House, north end of L.Winnepeg.
Their offer and service. Samuel Papanekis the leader.

III. The Principle Applied.

1. Constrained by the love of God.
"the love of Christ constraineth us."
Mother in search of wayward daughter.
scattered handbills on which was printed her foto and "I love thee always."
Daughter's return.

a—2. To serve with all the heart and soul.
Deut. 10:12 "serve Jehovah thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul."
The Apostle's wholehearted service.

b—3. To serve with a willing mind.
1 Chron. 28:9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God o of thy Father and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind.
The poor shepherd and his basketfull of potatoes.

c—4. Serve with gladness.
Psm. 102:2 Serve the Lord with gladness.

At a missionary meeting in a colored church.
a/ the three resolutions
1. That all would give something.
2. That all would give as the Lord had prospered them.
3. That all would give willingly.
b/The small offering of the rich man and the secretary's réply; "Take dat back: dat may be in accordance with the first resolution, but it is not according to the second."
c/One after another came up and did the same thing. The angry rich man came forward, tossed a gold coin down and said, "Take dat!"
The secretary answered, "No, dat wont do yet. It may be according to the first and second, but not according to the third resolution.
d/ The rich man smilingly laid down a much larger offering.

2. Constrained by the world's great need.
a—The poor woman daughter by a policeman picking up bits of glass into container.
b—Michael Angelo transforming the useless piece of marble that laid in a street in Florence into a beautiful statue of David
Conclusion Love, sacrifice, & Service for God and man are the true measure of our duty.

Self Sacrificing Service

1 Cor. 21 23, 24